



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **OWNER OF MAIN EVENT TICKET SERVICE SENTENCED ON INCOME TAX FRAUD CHARGES**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ryan A. Forgacs, 42, of Hilliard, Ohio, was sentenced to two years of probation and a \$3,000 fine, and was ordered to pay \$44,767 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on two counts of willfully filing false federal income tax returns with the IRS. Forgacs pleaded guilty to the aforementioned charges on March 6, 2015.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office, announced the sentence handed down today by Senior U.S. District Judge George C. Smith.

According to court documents, Ryan Forgacs is the owner and operator of Main Event Ticket Service, a sports and entertainment ticket brokerage located in Columbus, Ohio. Forgacs filed false federal income tax returns with the IRS for the 2009 and 2010 income tax years.

Specifically, for the 2009 income tax year, Forgacs reported net rental income and S Corporation income in the amount of \$67,050, but failed to report additional income from Main Event Ticket Service in the amount of \$57,500.

Specifically, for the 2010 income tax year, Forgacs reported net rental income and S Corporation income in the amount of \$43,480, but failed to report additional income from Main Event Ticket Service in the amount of \$125,025.

The total tax loss in this case is \$44,767, which consists of \$14,521 in tax loss for the 2009 income tax year and \$30,246 in tax loss for the 2010 income tax year.

"Tax violations have been erroneously referred to as victimless crimes, but it's the honest law-abiding citizen who is harmed when someone tries to manipulate our nation's tax system," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah A. Solove and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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